

### **REMARKS**

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and argument. No claim has been amended. Claims 31-48, 54, and 55 are pending in this application.

#### ***Summary of the Restriction Requirement***

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 31-42, 46-48, and 54-55, drawn to a method for wrapping an article.

Group II: Claims 43-45, drawn to an article.

With regard to this grouping, the Examiner has indicated that “[t]he inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: group II recites an article having a form of a cylinder with non-uniform diameter and wherein a film wrapped around the article is printed to form a label which are not recited in group I and thus group II has special technical features not shared with group I.”

#### ***Election***

Applicants hereby elect Group I, which now includes claims 31-42, 46-48, and 54-55, drawn to a method for wrapping an article, without traverse. Thus, it is respectfully

submitted that claims 31-42, 46-48, and 54-55, are related to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Restriction Requirement and respectfully submits that all of the stated reasons for the Restriction Requirement have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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